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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are enclosed.

These documents were recently cited in a European Search Report, which is dated January 29, 2004, issued on a foreign counterpart application. A copy of that communication is enclosed for the Examiner's convenience. The documents may be relevant for the reasons noted therein.

STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)


Each item of information in this information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing date of this Statement.

REMARKS

It is respectfully requested that the cited information be considered by the Examiner, that the next official communication indicate that such information has been considered, by the Examiner initialing and returning the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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